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The News.

Our dispatches give us important intelligence from Europe. The steamer Nimrod was wrecked on the 1st inst., on her passage from Liverpool to Cork, and all on board, numbering about 50, were lost.

A duel took place at Dauvre on the 6th inst. between Mr. Bliss, the Provisional Governor of Jefferson Territory, and Mr. Stone, a member of the Legislature, in which the latter was seriously, but not fatally injured.

The California Republican State Convention met on the 22d of February, and was fully attended, 320 delegates being present. Leland Stanford, F. P. Tracey, D. W. Cheeseman and A. A. Sargent were elected delegates to the Chicago Convention.

GOV. BISSELL.

Our letters from Springfield say that Gov. BISSELL is still very low; and that his case is not much if any more hopeful. Dr. Pope, of St. Louis, is with him, in consultation with his attending physician; but we have not learned that he encourages the friends to look for the Governor's recovery.

CALIFORNIA MAILS.

The bill agreed upon by the Senate Committee, an abstract of which we have in our telegraphic column, for the establishment of mail routes between the Mississippi and San Francisco, will attract the attention of Northwestern men, from the fact that it provides that a weekly mail shall be put on between St. Paul and the Pacific coast.

CONVENTION WEEK.

In order to reply understandingly to the action of the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, that the hotel keepers of Chicago were preparing to fleece their guests by exorbitant charges during the week of the Republican National Convention, we sent around to the principal hotels yesterday to ascertain what their charges would be; and from all we have assurances that the scale of prices will not be altered in consequence of the coming of the expected crowd. First class hotels now charge $2.50 per diem; and from that maximum the prices descend, to correspond with decrease in the excellence of accommodations, to a point below which no delegate or outsider will wish to go. The other charge of the *Bulletin*, that the newspapers of the city are urging the presence of a crowd as a reason why the example of Charleston may be imitated, is simply untrue. The *Bulletin* has been misinformed.

KIDNAPPING IN CHICAGO.

We find the following in the Memphis *Avalanche*:

ARREST OF A RUNAWAY NEGRO IN CHICAGO.—Over a year ago, Mr. James Maggett, a wealthy planter of St. Francis county, Ark., lost a likely boy, who disappeared very mysteriously. It was supposed that he had been decoyed and assisted in getting away, and Mr. Maggett offered a reward of $200 for his apprehension, which was published in the *Avalanche* for some time. The advertisement fell under the eye of a man who makes it his business to catch runaways, and who, happening to be in Chicago a few weeks since, recognized the boy, a fine specimen of stout plan he succeeded in luring the boy, first to Cairo and then to St. Louis, where he had him put in jail. He then came to this city and found passage on the Western Belle for Mr. Maggett's plantation, who was duly informed of the apprehension of his negro. Mr. Maggett sent down a power of attorney to Mr. Lovell to reclaim his property, and was a passenger on the A. T. Lacey which passed up yesterday. We understand that the adroit negro-catcher has been indicted in Chicago for kidnapping, but presume that he is through with his business in that region for some time to come.

This is the kidnappers story. But who can say that this "likely boy" is not and has not always been free; that this "man who makes it his business to catch runaways" is not a scoundrel of the deepest dye, capable of any crime by which he can put money in his purse? Can any one hereabout give us any information touching this case? Let it be looked up and examined!

THE MISSISSIPPI.

The steamer *Grey Eagle*, Capt. Harris, left Galena on Wednesday for St. Paul, or any point below that city, where further navigation is impossible on account of ice.

Milwaukee Indebtedness.

The Comptroller of Milwaukee has furnished to the *Wisconsin* the indebtedness of that city, as follows: On Railroad Bonds, $1,614,000, and on Bonds issued for municipal purposes, $757,—300—to which may be added the interest due on Railroad Bonds—making an aggregate of $2,471,316 of Bonded debt. The following is a detailed statement:

BONDS ISSUED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

Funded debt bonds	$10,000
School house "	8,000
Harbor "	10,000
Harbor "	100,000
Bridge "	15,000
Bridge "	30,000
Sinking fund "	400,000
Redemption (for retiring past due bonds)	75,000
	$757,550

TO RAILROADS.

Green Bay, Milwaukee & Chicago	$500,000
Milwaukee & Beloit	100,000
Milwaukee & Mississippi	54,000
Milwaukee & Superior	100,000
	$1,614,000

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The Ghost at the Astor Library—The New York Clubs—Hon. Abraham Lincoln—Real Estate Speculation—Use of the Cane—Indoors, &c., &c.—Abraham's The Tables Cloth of a Foot, &c. &c.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

NEW YORK, March 13, 1860.

Everybody has heard of the Astor Library, with its one hundred thousand volumes of all ages, languages and nations—its stately alcoves, curious manuscripts, and magnificent folios—its unequalled facilities for students, compilers and bibliophilists. Everyone, also, who knows the venerable, scholastic Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell, librarian of the institution, who collected in Europe and elsewhere the volumes under his charge, knows that he is one of the most cool and dispassionate men alive; one who, among a thousand, would be the least likely to have his wond judgment carri d away by his imagination, or to indulge in telling any romantic story that he did not believe to be strictly true.

The Doctor is consequently high authority in Manhattan on all matters past, present or to come.

And the Doctor declares that he has seen a ghost. Moreover, the ghost in question haunts the Astor Library.

Only a select few, who frequent the Historical Society or Century Club, have known the facts until to-day. It seems that about a month ago, an old physician, by the name of Sands, with whom the Doctor was well acquainted, found that his "sands of life had run out"—in short, died, at his residence in Lafayette Place, nearly adjacent to the Library building. Deceased was remarkable rather for his sequaintance with the mysteries of calomel and jalap, than for his literary tendencies; was much better known at the cliniques than among the bookworms. Dr. Cogswell has a room in the Astor Library, where he sleeps o' nights, and from whence, with true scholastic ardor, he often emerges in the silent midnight watches, to roam about among the beloved books, and perhaps study out some knotty reference, which the press of visitors prevents him from pursuing during the day. He was thus engaged one night, two weeks since, without a thought in his head of the crusty old Esculapian, whom he knew to have been safely deposited under ground some time before, and supposed himself to be entirely alone, when he was surprised at being a person uneasily moving through the distant alcoves. The Doctor went straight up to his nocturnal visitor, and was astonished at beholding the features of his deceased acquaintance—old Mr. Sands!

Some men would have fainted; the tongues of others would have cleaved to their mouths. But Dr. Cogswell is too fond of science to be timid on such an occasion, and would willingly confront the most ghastly phantom for the sake of gleaning information from the unknown world! So he addressed the apparition as follows: "Mr. Sands, I am glad to see you. But, as you never came here when alive, I am surprised to see you here now." The ghost made no answer; in fact, seemed not to perceive the Doctor's presence, but quickly vanished from his sight.

Here is the remarkable part of the tale: On the very next night the same appearance visited the Doctor again, in the same part of the library, and again vanished on being addressed. A third night the phantom came, and was besought by the Doctor to declare his wishes, if he could say anything or had anything to say, but was mute. As ever, soon vanished, and has not since visited the place.

This is the Doctor's own statement, told in a calm and humorous way, and coupled with an assurance of his own belief that he has been the "victim of an optical delusion." The part of the Library thus haunted was the section devoted to works on Spiritualism and Demonology. Perhaps the "perturbed spirit" was posting himself as to the best means of communicating with his earthly friends. It is queer that the Doctor, being possessed of the *mens sana in sano corpore*, should have been cheated by his eyes (if his own theory is correct) on three successive nights, and, though he laughs at the matter himself, his friends—Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Folsom, etc.—are in a state of bewilderment at his "plain, unvarnished tale." Some think the Doctor had been studying too hard and was troubled with a trinoctial attack of the nightmare.

So much for the latest ghost story. "There are more things in Heaven and earth, Horatio," etc. I have incidentally mentioned the Century Club. This and the other prominent Clubs—the Union, New York, Athenæum, etc.—are fast growing in wealth and fame. As soon as I can get time, I intend collecting for you some interesting details of their respective plans, buildings, members, by-laws, etc. To one or the other of them nearly every prominent literary or professional New York citizen belongs, and they are fast assimilating to the comfort and dignity of their great London prototypes, though differing from the latter, in having no political basis of formation.

Mr. Geo. Sennott, counsel of Stephens and Hasley, arrived this morning to the city, feeling gloomy enough at the result of his Virginia expedition. Since his previous interview with Gov. Letcher, on whom the Legislature of that State conferred the privilege of deciding the final fate of the condemned men, the Governor has allowed his fear of Southern opinion to get the better of a naturally kind heart, and has definitely informed Mr. Sennott that the law must take its course. So the poor fellows will be hung on Friday, the 16th instant. Mr. Sennott made a three hours' speech before the Virginia Legislative Committee. "The quality of mercy is not strained," and this unnecessary hanging of the only surviving comrades of Old Brown will not elevate the fast-falling character of that State in the eyes of the Christian world.

Hon. Abraham Lincoln took the cars yesterday for the West. Since his great speech at the Cooper Institute, he has spoken twelve times in Connecticut and elsewhere, everywhere leaving an ineffaceable impression, and doing noble service for the Republican cause. Whatever may be the immediate career destined for this earnest and eloquent man, it is very certain that, when the time comes for a nation to do him honor, the hosts of admirers he has left behind him in the East, will be among the first to remember his worth.

The speculation in up-town lots, which has been rampant in this city for two years past, presents some curious aspects. Hardly in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and many other Western towns, during the most exciting periods of their miraculous growth, were exhibited more sudden rises in the value of real estate than have been experienced in that great section of New York, which surrounds the beautiful Central Park. Lots on the adjacent avenues have jumped from $500 to $5,000 in a few months. A proportionate decrease has taken place in the value of property in the more ancient quarters of the town. These changes, so uncommon in Eastern cities, have attracted the attention of speculators throughout the United States, and since the depression of 1857, which so fearfully affected the West, capitalists at a distance have worked out of their Minnesota investments, and joined the press of buyers here, who are engaged in carrying up our unimproved suburbs to just as false and reckless a valuation. By-and-by our bubble must burst, as have the thousand Western bubbles, and *Suace qui peut!* will be the day. A fall of 30 per cent. on up-town lots must be looked for within a year or two. Great as is the growth of the metropolis, it cannot keep pace with the advance of a crazy American landspeculation.

Among the strange and degenerating habits, which secretly obtained a stronger foothold among the people than external appearances indicate, is the growing indulgence in the use of the Indian drug—Haschish, Hasheesh or Haschesh. The horrors and prevalence of opiumeating are well known. Outside of the benighted Asiatic races no people have numbered so many victims to this practice as the English—and their descendants in the New World. All druggists know the steady, secret demand for other than medicinal purposes, which has made the seductive drug an important article of our commerce. But within a few years, and perhaps more especially since the publication of Taylor's "Vision of Hasheesh," Ludlow's "Hasheesh Eater," and other works equally exciting in their accounts of the wonder of the Indian flemp, the newly introduced drug has been rapidly taking the place of its lethargic predecessor, among those, who, from habit, must be the miserable slaves of some nervine or stimplant. The Hasheesh, without the astringent properties of opium, has a far more subtle and intense power of elevating the mental faculties, and is proportionally more dangerous. Its unhappy devotee receives no warning until completely enslaved by its mystic influence. Of late, this drug, ten years since unknown to our Pharmacy, is imported by every house in the East India trade, and kept by every apothecary. I am informed that there are hundreds in this city who are constantly under its influence—that the demand for it is increasing every day.

It would seem as if the headlong American life were in itself sufficiently exciting to satisfy the hunger of even the nervous, imaginative, composite American mind. But it is reserved for this nation to exhibit more unique and uncongruous qualities, physical and psychical, than have been developed in any previous era.

Saturday evening a pleasant feature marked a literary reunion at the residence of one of our most genial and admired authors. Barry, the artist, while on a late visit to Boston, came into possession of a white linen table-cloth, woven fifty years ago, by the wife of Robert Burns, and spread on the calen table in the poet's cottage, on those great occasions when the Edinburgh gentry deigned to honor their protege's home with their patronizing visits. Late in the evening Mr. B. produced the sacred relic, which of course underwent the eager and reverential inspection of the company. Then, at the suggestion of a lady present, it was spread in an upper room; lemons and highland whisky were sent for; a Scotch punch was brewed, and over the table-cloth, hallowed by its associations with the peasant-bard, the memory of Burns was drank by all, and Auld Lang Syne sang in due and ancient style.

The Heenan vs. Sayers excitement continues to increase. I might safely assert that a year of time is spent daily, by the thousands, of all classes and pursuits, who devote at least an hour to earnest discussion of the chances of the great forthcoming prize fight. Though patriotism finds Heenan plenty of backers among our sporting people, there is an ill-concealed anxiety existing, as to the condition of his diseased and never too muscular legs. It is amusing, perhaps saddening, to see what an interest is felt in these fistiside matters by staid and stay-at-home citizens. The newspapers hope to make a good thing from the results of the battle itself. A certain New York illustrated sheet offered a well known author, last week, $100 to write a serio-comic poem—describing the "mill" and all its disgusting "rounds"—to be delivered in twenty-four hours after the steamer report of the same. As the offer stipulated for the publication of the author's name, the proposition has respectfully declined.

I have seen the famous "What is it?" at Barnum's, and unhesitatingly pronounce "it" nothing more than a deformed and attenuated negro idiot, with a head singularly similar, in shape and expression, to that of an ape. It was never "captured while running on all fours, in the African forests," as the showman unblushingly affirms, but probably came from some out-of-the-way Southern plantation—its actions resembling those of a Virginia negro-boy, and its hands being as slender and delicate as a girl's.

LAUNCELOT.

An Express on the Smoky Hill Route to Pike's Peak.

[From the Leavenworth Republican, 10th.]

Wilson, Whittlemore, Taylor, McLure, Rice & Co., advertise to run express coaches, after the 1st of April, from Leavenworth or Kansas City, via Fort Riley and the great Central or Smoky Hill route to the mines in 21 days less time than by any other route, and at reduced fare. There is no doubt whatever that it can be done. The Smoky Hill route is the shortest and most direct route to the mines, and must eventually take entire precedence over any and all other routes. Some parties who started out on that route last season took an insufficiency of provisions, and therefore incurred great suffering. But that was no fault of the route. Large numbers of persons returned from the mines by that route last season, and all spoke of it as the shortest and best. We predict that the Express Company which *first* establishes regular trips over that route will, in less than six months, have three-fourths of all the business to do. People will not continue to travel from one to three hundred miles further round, when there is a plain and direct route saving that distance.

THE CITY.

Auction Sales this Morning.

Household Furniture, Piano Forte, &c., at 10 o'clock, by W. A. Butters & Co., at 126 Rush street.

Second Hand and Kitchen Furniture at 10 a. m., at No. 45 South Jefferson street.

☞ We are indebted to the American Express Company for late Cincinnati papers.

☞ We are under obligations to Mr. H. D. Colvin, agent for the U. S. Express Company, for late California papers.

PERSONAL.—Allen Butler, Esq., of the New York Central Railroad, was in this city yesterday, just returned from New Orleans.

MCVICKER'S BENEFIT.—Let the benefit night of the excellent and liberal manager, and capital actor be a bumper. A superb bill is offered for this evening.

SEWERAGE.—We notice that workmen are completing the lower end of the Rush street sewer, left unfinished three years since, from the high stage of water then prevailing.

☞ Auction sale of second-hand Furniture, parlor and kitchen Furniture, Friday, March 16th, at 10 o'clock, at No. 45 South Jefferson street.

PERSONAL.—Hon. John F. Farnsworth, Member of Congress from this District, Hon. Fitz Henry Warren of Iowa, Hon. J. H. Adams, State Senator from the First District, and Hon. John W. Newport, of Morris, are at the Briggs House.

HALSTEAD STREET BRIDGE.—We notice that Halstead street bridge is completed and in its place. The approaches to the bridge on either shore remain to be finished. The improvement will be a valuable one, of much convenience to the public.

FREIGHT CAR BURNED.—We learn that on Wednesday night a freight car in a westward bound train on the Chicago, Pittsburg and Ft. Railroad, took fire, as is supposed, by sparks from the locomotive, and was totally destroyed with its contents of valuable freight.

THE TAX SALE.—Within a few days past the money has poured into the Collector's Office in one steady stream, in payment of the taxes advertised. The sale, which was to take place yesterday, commenced, but was adjourned for a short time to give property owners an opportunity to come in, in advance of sale. Mark that and save expense.

HO FOR PIKE'S PEAK.—A party of five young men of this city left for the Gold Regions a day or two since. A company of thirty Chicago citizens start for the same destination on Monday next. Both parties took the Hannibal and St. Joseph route—all rail to the Missouri river. The bulk of the emigration from this section, and making Chicago a point of departure promises to take this route.

HALF FARE TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.—The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, the Dayton and Michigan, and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railways, have arranged to bring passengers to the Chicago National Republican Convention and return them for *one fare*, or half *price*. The above roads make a complete line between this city and Cincinnati. We presume other roads centering in this city, and all their connections, will make the same liberal arrangements.

MARINE MELANGE.—Captain Cross, of the steamer Milwaukee, is succeeded by Captain Richards, with a change in under officers.... The steamer Huron has come out as neat as a new pin.... The Collingwood propellers are preparing to be off in their tri-weekly trips at the earliest opening of navigation.... The steamer lines on this lake will within a week all be in operation for the season.... The steamers have begun running on the St. Clair River.... The steamer Milwaukee will leave for Milwaukee in a day or two.

AUCTION SALES OF HORSES AND CARRIAGES.—Arrangemen's have been made, commencing to-morrow, for regular sales of horses and carriages in connection with the well-known extensive Livery establishment of Messrs. Dutton, on Couch Place, between Clark and Dearborn streets. These gentlemen have excellent accommodations for horses and carriages sent to them for sale and under the hammer of W. A. Butters, the prince of auctioneers, the Horse Bazaar will be a convenience both to sellers and buyers. The Livery will remain, as heretofore, one of the best appointed in town.

PERSONAL RENCONTRE.—Yesterday afternoon a personal rencontre took place on Dearborn street, near the Post Office, between Charles Leib and Benoni H. Mayers. The basis of the affair was the use made by the latter of the columns of his weekly flash sheet, in comments upon the political and personal traits of the former. In the scrimmage Lieb broke his cane over Mayer's head. He gave himself into the custody of officer Asa Williams, and furnished special bail before Justice Milliken, for a hearing on the 20th inst.

VERMONT MEETING.—The Republicans of this city, who hail from the Green Mountain State, held a meeting at the Colston House on Thursday evening to make arrangements to receive the delegates from that State to the National Convention. The meeting was organized by appointing Hon. W. T. Barron, Chairman and B. W. Ranstead, Secretary.

The following persons were appointed a Committee to make arrangements: Silas B. Cobb, James Hodges, Lewis Dodge, John A. Jameson, W. F. Myrick and J. K. Pollard.

A Committee of three were appointed, consisting of E. H. Aiken, N. C. Perkins and J. K. Pollard, to appoint a Corresponding Secretary.

SLOAN'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—The following gentlemen, after examination before the "Board of Examiners" of Sloan's Commercial College, were awarded diplomas. The thorough mode of instruction pursued, with such decided success at this old and popular institution, was most fully proved. The young gentlemen appeared as familiar with business modes and customs as though their lives had been spent in business-houses. We have never witnessed a more satisfactory examination:

J. F. Cleghorn, J. L. Clapp, S. S. Myers, J. N. Strong, J. H. Ernst, E. Doneke, W. A. Whiting, A. W. Wheeler, A. Brosseau, L. Stoskopf, Geo. Kennicott, G. H. Campbell, Cornelius Jones, A. E. Small, jr., A. C. Colton.

We learn that the number of students now in attendance at this College is greater than at the same period in eight years.

THE OTTAWA RESCUE TRIALS.

The Joseph Stout Jury Still Out.

PROBABLY TWO "HUNG" JURIES.

The trial of Joseph Stout of Ottawa, in the United States District Court, charged with violation of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850, in aiding the rescue of the fugitive Jim in October last, was concluded and the case given to the jury on Wednesday morning.

The Jury came in last evening, having been out *thirty hours*. They assured the Court that they could not agree, one of them adding they "could not agree if they were together until 1900." One of them complained of severe indisposition. Mine host of the Tremont, David Gage, complained of having been without food since 8 A. M., it being then half past 9 P. M.

The Court refused to discharge the Jury, and they sadly followed the officer back to their quarters for the night.

In the meantime, since this Jury went out, the case of James Stout, brother of the above named defendant, has passed to trial, and been concluded. Mr. Stout, who is a lawyer, conducted his own defence, and fairdouced some minor but startling innovations on the formal practice of this august Court. His jury were out last evening, still unable to agree, having been out seven hours. They aver also that they cannot agree upon a verdict. Thus there were two dozen men at least last evening shut up for the night, to the contemplation of the beauties of the Fugitive Slave Law, and the fruits Slavery entails even upon free society and free men. The fruit of these quiet trials in our United States District Court has not yet ripened.

Chicago Hotel Rates During the National Convention.

We yesterday made a brief reference to what we believed was conceded a most important measure on the part of our hotel proprietors, in view of the rush of strangers to this city during the session of the National Convention, their published assurance that there will be no advance on the usual rates. We were confident that this would be the policy they would pursue, and our suggestion was mainly intended to hasten and anticipate such announcement, that it might reach those abroad who in making up their minds on the question of visiting our city at that time, would give us a wide berth if they believed the occasion of their visit was to be the harvest time of extortionate and greedy landlords.

We learned largely into the decision of the Committee, who located the Republican National Convention, that we had large hotel accommodations. The United States Fair last year attested fully that we have become what a Philadelphia Exchange we are to quote below, terms: "A city where the influx of a few thousand strangers would not be observed as a great inconvenience."

So Chicago certainly is. It having been conceded that our hotel accommodations are ample, it only remained to be proved how our hotelkeepers should use the same to the honor or dishonor of our city. The instance of Fair week is sufficient, when, to a man, they came forward and announced that their rates would be unchanged. The subject is called up by the following from the Philadelphia *Bulletin*:

"If the tavern-keepers, market people and other public providers of ancient Rome had possessed the views of some of some American cities, the world's capital might have been saved from sack and rapine. If, in anticipation of an invasion of horde of Goths, or some other barbarians, they had raised the price of board and lodging to double or treble the usual rates, the invaders would have retired appalled. Charleston is digesting the policy adopted by the Democratic Convention in April; and Chicago is preparing to do it, in anticipation of the Republican Convention in May. The newspapers of both cities are widely distributed; they were formed in an ocean which once extended over the whole continent; We know this from the fact that these rocks contain organic forms and consist of material similar those now carried down into the sea by storms.

These materials must have been accumulated more abundantly in some places than others in the ancient ocean. Hence the strata will be found thicker at some points than others. Sometimes beds of enormous thickness thin out as we trace them over long distances. The points of greatest accumulation mark the action of the strongest currents. The Eastern part of the United States is more diversified by hills and mountains; the central is marked by plains. The origin of the Appalachian chain is due rather to the heaping up of vast deposits of sedimentary material than the upheaval of the crust of the earth. The highest mountains are always in the localities where the formations are thickest.

Thus the Hudson River group is 6,000 or 8,000 feet thick in New York, while in the West it is only 50 or 100 feet thick. The stratified rocks cover the principal areas upon the earth's surface. The Potsdam sandstone is the earliest of those rocks in which we find any fossils. Its origin was in the West and Southwest. Above this sandstone is the Trenton limestone, which contains new fossils, especially corals, and was formed in more quiet waters. Next succeeds the Hudson River group already noticed, thickest in the disturbed districts of the East and thinning rapidly Westward. Above is the Niagara group, mainly composed of limestone, extensively seen in New York, forming the precipice over which the waters of the upper lakes are precipitated. Thence it extends Westward, and is found developed on the East shore of Lake Michigan and West in Iowa and Minnesota. It is very fossiliferous, and is especially rich in corals.

The formations of the Upper Silurian Mountains having a thickness of 3,000 feet in the Appalachian chain and thinning to 100 feet in the Mississippi Valley. The materials in the east are coarse and west are very fine. The eastern masses make the path of the great ocean currents, while the quieter currents have distributed the impalpable mud westward. The coal formation is next above. East it is 14,000 feet thick, and in the west less than 1,000 feet. During this period there were great disturbances. The granite of the White mountains is of this age. Rocks are often metamorposed, as that limestone has been changed into marble, soft shale into slate, and sandstone into quartz.

The Professor then explained and illustrated by diagrams on the board the courses of these complicated undulations which occur in the coal strata of the Appalachian chain. It is by the accumulation of these materials in nearly a sunken ocean floor that the strata have been wrinkled and undulated there.

The causes of mountain chains, then, is the accumulation of great masses of matter along their line. Hutsodox as this may seem, the speaker was more and more convinced of its truth. That a horizontal force could have this origin, their greater elevation being due to the fact that there the chalk formation is added to the other deposits.

The views of the lecturer were novel, but were made clear by the manner and illustrations of the speaker, and were listened to with evident interest by the members of the Academy.

Young Men's Association.

Messrs. Editors:—Close upon our city election follows the nomination of officers for the Young Men's Association, which has grown to be an important one, so we shall have stirring times again; this year especially will there be lively work; The public must not be shocked if the ballots we do not intend to vote, oh no, indeed—should electioneer pretty sharply, and for this reason: large portions of the members are dissatisfied with the present arrangement of the library and will try to elect officers that are in favor of a change to the freedom of other days. The public already know our grievance, and if that appeared in the papers some weeks since, which met with a hearty response from members, and will be acted upon the coming election.

Now, ladies, is the time to exert that influence which the "Lords of Creation" say is greater than if we went to the ballot box, and on no occasions I think is it so. We have a new Librarian, and then the rails may disappear, as the certificates of deposit already have, and frequenters may be permitted to go through the library at of yore. If we are to have a new President, which is hardly necessary, as the one we have is a good one, could not Mr. Bryan be induced to accept the nomination again. Come, let us have the expression of those interested, in good spirit. MRS. C. H.

J. R. THOMPSON'S LECTURE.—The lecture course of the Young Men's Association tapered out last evening with a lecture of J. R. Thompson, who entertained a thin audience with a thin disquisition upon the "Mother of States." There were some good points about the lecture, but not sufficient to redeem it from being a most "lame and impotent conclusion" to the lecture course.

CAMERON AND LINCOLN CLUB.—This Club will meet at their rooms this evening, at 7½ o'clock. Several eminent speakers will address the meeting. The interest is increasing in the canvass as the day draws near, and all Republicans are invited to attend and take active part in bringing out the strongest men of the party.

J. BELL, Secretary.

LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ Go to John Jones, 119 Dearborn street and get your clothes cleaned and repaired. They will be well done and at prices to suit the times.

DRY GOODS.—New Goods just received at J. B. Sutton & Co.'s, 250 State street. mal2-6t

☞ Kingsford & Sons Pure Refined Starch for the Laundry, and Corn Starch for Puddings, Custards, &c. For sale by W. F. McLaughlin, 168 State st.

A "NON EST" MAN FOUND!!—John Smith, Jr., (the son of *old* Smith) has been missing several days; but we are glad to learn that "Jock" (who is a "trump") has "turned up" at last. He was merely "keep ng dark" while Cook & McLain, at 98 Dearborn, were "sticking up" some old clothes.

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Prof. Hall's Lecture on Geology.

The lecture on Geology by Prof. James Hall of Albany, N. Y., before the Chicago Academy of Sciences, at Dearborn Institute last evening, was delivered to an intelligent and appreciative audience. The speaker is one of the most distinguished of American savans in his branch of science, and the author of a celebrated treatise on Paleontology. The lecture was the reverse of formal, but was all the more valuable and attractive to the listeners. Our abstract of report does it feeble justice.

The lecturer commenced by remarking that the development of Geology has had much to do with the progress of civilization, by fixing the sequence of rocks, and enabling us to determine with precision the presence or absence of coal or other useful minerals.

Geology has claims of importance as a disciplinary study. It has an important influence upon intellectual growth. Man is fixed to the earth like a tree, though the planet is only his transient abiding place. He draws his sustenance in all respects from the earth.

Sand, clay and lime constitute the bulk of the earth; these deposits are widely distributed; they were formed in an ocean which once extended over the whole continent; We know this from the fact that these rocks contain organic forms and consist of material similar those now carried down into the sea by storms.

These materials must have been accumulated more abundantly in some places than others in the ancient ocean. Hence the strata will be found thicker at some points than others. Sometimes beds of enormous thickness thin out as we trace them over long distances. The points of greatest accumulation mark the action of the strongest currents. The Eastern part of the United States is more diversified by hills and mountains; the central is marked by plains. The origin of the Appalachian chain is due rather to the heaping up of vast deposits of sedimentary material than the upheaval of the crust of the earth. The highest mountains are always in the localities where the formations are thickest.

Thus the Hudson River group is 6,000 or 8,000 feet thick in New York, while in the West it is only 50 or 100 feet thick. The stratified rocks cover the principal areas upon the earth's surface. The Potsdam sandstone is the earliest of those rocks in which we find any fossils. Its origin was in the West and Southwest. Above this sandstone is the Trenton limestone, which contains new fossils, especially corals, and was formed in more quiet waters. Next succeeds the Hudson River group already noticed, thickest in the disturbed districts of the East and thinning rapidly Westward. Above is the Niagara group, mainly composed of limestone, extensively seen in New York, forming the precipice over which the waters of the upper lakes are precipitated. Thence it extends Westward, and is found developed on the East shore of Lake Michigan and West in Iowa and Minnesota. It is very fossiliferous, and is especially rich in corals.

The formations of the Upper Silurian Mountains having a thickness of 3,000 feet in the Appalachian chain and thinning to 100 feet in the Mississippi Valley. The materials in the east are coarse and west are very fine. The eastern masses make the path of the great ocean currents, while the quieter currents have distributed the impalpable mud westward. The coal formation is next above. East it is 14,000 feet thick, and in the west less than 1,000 feet. During this period there were great disturbances. The granite of the White mountains is of this age. Rocks are often metamorposed, as that limestone has been changed into marble, soft shale into slate, and sandstone into quartz.

The Professor then explained and illustrated by diagrams on the board the courses of these complicated undulations which occur in the coal strata of the Appalachian chain. It is by the accumulation of these materials in nearly a sunken ocean floor that the strata have been wrinkled and undulated there.

The causes of mountain chains, then, is the accumulation of great masses of matter along their line. Hutsodox as this may seem, the speaker was more and more convinced of its truth. That a horizontal force could have this origin, their greater elevation being due to the fact that there the chalk formation is added to the other deposits.

The views of the lecturer were novel, but were made clear by the manner and illustrations of the speaker, and were listened to with evident interest by the members of the Academy.

Young Men's Association.

Messrs. Editors:—Close upon our city election follows the nomination of officers for the Young Men's Association, which has grown to be an important one, so we shall have stirring times again; this year especially will there be lively work; The public must not be shocked if the ballots we do not intend to vote, oh no, indeed—should electioneer pretty sharply, and for this reason: large portions of the members are dissatisfied with the present arrangement of the library and will try to elect officers that are in favor of a change to the freedom of other days. The public already know our grievance, and if that appeared in the papers some weeks since, which met with a hearty response from members, and will be acted upon the coming election.

Now, ladies, is the time to exert that influence which the "Lords of Creation" say is greater than if we went to the ballot box, and on no occasions I think is it so. We have a new Librarian, and then the rails may disappear, as the certificates of deposit already have, and frequenters may be permitted to go through the library at of yore. If we are to have a new President, which is hardly necessary, as the one we have is a good one, could not Mr. Bryan be induced to accept the nomination again. Come, let us have the expression of those interested, in good spirit. MRS. C. H.

J. R. THOMPSON'S LECTURE.—The lecture course of the Young Men's Association tapered out last evening with a lecture of J. R. Thompson, who entertained a thin audience with a thin disquisition upon the "Mother of States." There were some good points about the lecture, but not sufficient to redeem it from being a most "lame and impotent conclusion" to the lecture course.

CAMERON AND LINCOLN CLUB.—This Club will meet at their rooms this evening, at 7½ o'clock. Several eminent speakers will address the meeting. The interest is increasing in the canvass as the day draws near, and all Republicans are invited to attend and take active part in bringing out the strongest men of the party.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1860.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

It is known throughout the State that the Republicans of Cook County will urge the nomination of Hon. N. B. Judd of this city for the office of Governor of the State of Illinois.

When the Republican party was organized in 1856, all the candidates for State officers were taken from counties south of and including Peoria. The candidate for Governor was taken from St. Clair county, Lieut. Governor from Adams, Secretary of State from Pike, Treasurer from McLean, Auditor from Lawrence, and Superintendent of Public Instruction from Peoria. (Our able and gallant senator in Congress had been taken from Madison county two years previously.) In the contest of that year the counties north of Peoria gave the ticket thus nominated a majority of 28,000 votes—the county of Cook, alone, giving it a majority of 3,421.

In the campaign of 1858, the Republican candidate for United States Senator was taken from Sangamon county, the candidate for State Treasurer from McLean, and the candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction from Morgan. Again the northern counties gave a Republican majority of nearly 25,000, thereby insuring the election of Republican State officers.

In view of these facts it has been conceded by many Republicans throughout the State that the northern counties are justly entitled to the first place upon the State ticket in the canvass of the present year. The friends of Mr. Judd will urge his nomination partly on this ground, and partly because of his fitness for the place and his eminent services to the party and to the State. They say that, having held a seat in the Senate for sixteen years consecutively, he is as thoroughly intimate with the legislative history of the State as any other man in it, and has had sufficient opportunity to become well informed of her great and diversified interests and legislative needs; that his repeated election to office from the most populous district in the State, is evidence of his personal popularity where best known, and of faithfulness in discharging important and responsible trusts; that not only has he been a watchful guardian of the interests of his immediate constituents, but that those of all parts of the State have ever received at his hands a just consideration and support; that he was greatly instrumental in defeating the iniquitous apportionment bill of the last session which, had it become a law, would have delivered the State government into the hands of the Democracy for the next ten years; that the defeat of the effort of the same Legislature to force a charter upon the people of Chicago contrary to their wishes, and which was intended to give to that corrupt organization the complete control of the commercial metropolis of the State, was owing mainly to his zealous opposition, his legislative tact and management; that as Chairman of the Republican State Committee, and as one of the members of the National Republican Committee, his services have been arduous and of great value to the party; that, in short, no man in the State has given more of his time or contributed more liberally of his means to advance Republican principles and to insure the success of the Republican party than Mr. Judd. These are some of the considerations which his friends inform us they will urge in favor of his nomination.

As regards the PRESS AND TRIBUNE, it is hardly necessary to say that it is in favor of the ticket that will be presented to the State by the Republican State Convention on the 9th of May next. Whatever may be our personal preferences for candidates for the various State offices, as conductors of a Republican journal those preferences are subordinate to the will of the party when expressed through its regularly appointed representatives. We shall neither advocate nor depreciate in these columns the claims or qualifications of any man in advance of the action of the Convention. Other gentlemen, eminent for their ability, public services and zeal in behalf of the Republican cause have been named in connection with the nomination for Governor. When the decision shall have been made by the State Convention—when the standard-bearer shall have been named, and the Republican hosts of Illinois commence marshalling under his banner, the PRESS AND TRIBUNE will participate in the contest with the same degree of zeal, the same industry and resolution and the same confident hopes of victory, whether our leader be selected from the northern, the middle, the southern, the eastern or western part of the State.

GOVERNMENT OF CITIES—AN EXAMPLE.

In every city in the Union there are more or less men who have very loose and dangerous notions of the rights and powers of municipal governments. They are ready at any time to expend any amount of money asked for any spree which may be gotten up, whether it be a Fourth of July drunk, a railroad celebration, or the entertainment of the city's guests, military or civic. They have no objection to corporate connection with all sorts of schemes of internal improvement, and can be persuaded with little reasoning that the municipal power is not only an instrument for governing the people, but also for building all manner of roads, rail, macadam and plank, for digging canals, and doing whatever else seems immediately or remotely to contain a promise of putting money into somebody's purse. Such persons usually have very indistinct notions of the duty of law makers to construe with caution all doubtful phases in municipal charters, and invariably display their willingness to seize upon the slightest pretext which will furnish them justification for the commission of that political sin to which they are most inclined—the unauthorized and illegal use of the public money. In addition to the infirmities which we have pointed out, these people usually have glib tongues, no, small "gift of gab," and remarkable vituperative power. Object to the throwing away of a couple of thousands of dollars in an Independence Day drunk, and forthwith the objector is set down not only as a stingy curmudgeon, but as little better than one of the Britishers from whom independence was wrung. Ask for the specific grant of power by which the corporate authorities are authorized to take a half a million of the stock of the Edenville and Land-of-Honey railroad, and issue city bonds therefor, and the inquirer is hissed as an old fogy, a man without public spirit, one who ought, when the threatened rival road terminating at Bongtown is completed, to be ruined by the inevitable depreciation of his property which he will do nothing to enhance. If the tax payer remonstrates against an appropriation for the next excursion of the Spread-Eagle Guards to New York, he is sure to have no pride in the reputation of the city of his adoption. He will inevitably be told that the Guards are one of the city's institutions—that they can get drunk quicker and stay drunk longer than any other Company in all the American militia, and that it is the bounden duty of all well disposed persons to permit them to display their powers in that distant city to which they propose to go.

In our neighboring city of Milwaukee, the class that we describe have had possession of the government since the city was incorporated; and the results of the municipal legislation which they have sanctioned and encouraged are painfully felt not only by her taxpayers at home, but by every man, who has been so foolish or so unfortunate as to put any confidence in the willingness and ability of that kind of people to pay their honest debts. The corporation is hopelessly bankrupt. The railroads to which she has lent her credit to the amount of seventeen hundred thousand dollars, prove to be worthless as investments and of little value in turning trade into channels in which geography has decided it should not run. Until lately, taxation was, and perhaps now is, six per cent. on the assessor's valuation. Creditors in possession of bonds overdue, of coupons unpaid, or of city scrip for which there is no equivalent in coin, have united with the plucked property-holders in cursing that insane and fatal policy which has brought about this deplorable condition of affairs.

Doubtless the people of Milwaukee are as honest as their neighbors. They have not intended to defraud. They persuaded themselves that the schemes for which they claimed the city's assistance would be profitable to all concerned, and that in the end everything would be right. They have been the victims of the inherently vicious, hence always dangerous, system upon which their municipal affairs have been administered. We write now not to reproach them with their folly, but to warn all others of the consequences which will sooner or later overtake every corporation that is governed as Milwaukee has been.

The day of railroad building by means of city and county bonds has gone, we hope never to return. But the enterprise of the people is irrepressible, and by and by something else will be in the fashion upon which cities may be wrecked. But if it be remembered that municipal governments are not the nurses of every scheme that may have an alluring look; that the habit of illegally voting money away for any purpose whatever, no matter how patriotic or hospitable, may and should be restrained by the interference of the courts; and that powers not expressly granted should never be exercised, we trust that our Western cities will not only keep clear of the entanglements in which Milwaukee, Dubuque, Kookuk and a dozen others have been reduced to bankruptcy, but that the unpaid debts by which they are dishonored may be speedily wiped out. Writing in Chicago, not a dollar of whose paper was ever protested, whose credit has never been used except for strictly municipal purposes; whose money is sedulously guarded, we feel that we have a right to point to her example as that which may be safely followed.

FREE HOMESTEADS.

Our Washington correspondent is inclined to believe that the Homestead Bill, which passed the House of Representatives on the 12th inst., will will also pass the Senate. We are not so hopeful on the subject. The Slavery Oligarchy is deadly hostile to the measure, and Democratic Senators dare not act in defiance of its wishes. Johnson, of Tennessee, who has favored the principle of free homesteads from the beginning, may possibly vote for the bill, and there may be one or two Northern Democratic Senators possessed of sufficient manliness and courage to vote for it; but it must receive eight Democratic votes to secure its passage in a full Senate, and we do not believe there are that number of Democratic Senators who, upon an issue between the North and the South—between the interests of free labor and of Slave labor—will, under any pressure of Northern sentiment, go with the former.

There is another reason why Northern Democrats are opposed to the measure. It will attract a much larger emigration from the Saxon race than from the Celtic. The former have a hereditary love for both land and liberty; the latter care but little for either. The German, Scandinavian, Englishman, Scotchman, and the Protestant Irishman (who is not of Celtic origin) take instinctively to the country and to rural pursuits, when-ever their means will permit; the Celt lingers around the great cities, in the vicinity of cathedrals, priests and poteen. The passage of the free homestead bill into a law, would therefore attract immense numbers of the former, all of whom in a few years would become Republican voters, while it would have no perceptible effect upon Celtic immigration, the only foreign source from whence sham Democracy can reasonably expect recruits.

Upon the whole, therefore, we have but little expectation that the country will be blessed with this beneficent measure until the Republican party shall have achieved a National triumph. Let the vast multitudes of laboring men who desire the possession of homes of their own, work the more zealously for the triumph of Republican principles.

Mr. Lincoln at the Cooper Institute.

Last winter a number of young gentlemen got up a course of lectures in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Among the gentlemen engaged here were Mr. Corwin, of Ohio, and Mr. Lincoln, of Illinois. They offered to pay Mr. Lincoln for his lecture $200. He accepted the offer, and instead of having the lecture in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, they had it in the Cooper Institute, New York, and charged admission, 25 cents, the same as the lectures of Messrs. Blair and Clay. The lecture was delivered. All who heard it were satisfied; they received more than they paid for, and before any gentlemen charge a man, who is the very soul of honor, and who is self-sacrificing to a fault, with "meanness," they should post themselves as to the facts.—*N. Y. Times, 16th.*

—There, that's the whole of a matter over which the blackguards of the Chicago *Times* have made themselves merry in the last two issues of that sheet. Mr. LINCOLN is invited by a society in Brooklyn to deliver a lecture. The popularity of the speaker is so great that the committee decides to invite the public to the hall of the Cooper Institute to hear him. we suppose because Brooklyn did not furnish accommodations for the crowd that would be drawn together. Mr. Lincoln makes a capital harangue—one that riddles Douglasism from stem to stern; and the *Times*, unable to overthrow his facts or weaken the force of his logic, contents itself with firing squibs at the speaker for accepting the not over-generous offer that the Lecture Committee made him. We submit that that is dirty business.

The Chicago Election a Cameron Victory.

We had got in the habit of thinking that the late Republican victory in this city was achieved for the advantage of the party at large, and not for that of any particular candidate for the Presidency. They think differently, however, in some quarters. We print the following from the Harrisburg (Pa.) *Telegraph* of this inst. for the amusement of our readers:

THE CHICAGO ELECTION.—The election of Hon. John Wentworth, Mayor of Chicago, by a majority of rather more than 1200 votes, over and against all the combinations of the enemy, is something that Illinois Republicans may well be proud of. It is also gratifying to the friends of Gen. Cameron to learn that all the gentlemen on the ticket with Mr. Wentworth, are members of the Cameron Club of that city, and of course Cameron men. Mayor Wentworth himself may be safely counted in the same category, if he is reported correctly in a speech made by him before the Cameron Club not long since. *A highly intelligent gentleman*, writing from Chicago to a friend in this place, says of that speech:

"Col. Wentworth paid a glowing tribute to the administrative ability and determination of purpose of Gen. Cameron, as also to his devotion to the principles upon which the Republican party stands. Speaking of Mr. Lincoln, he said that while no man could stand up in the United States Senate and more clearly and ably show that the Pacific Railroad ought to be built than Mr. L., Gen. Cameron would cast his keen eye over the country, and tell you at a glance, the best and most feasible route, the cost per mile, the length of time required in the construction of the road; and no shieving contractors would steal from the Government without his finding it out. He closed with a high tribute to the patriotic which distinguishes Gen. Cameron as a public man, and said that the Government could not fall into safer hands."

From this, we think the General's friends may safely count the election of John Wentworth a victory in his favor.

Baltimore Fire Department.

The Baltimoreans bear testimony also to the efficiency, reliability and orderly character of a Paid Fire Department. The Board of Fire Commissioners, for that city, have just made a report, in which it is said that, as a matter of dollars and cents merely, the pay system is far preferable to the one which it superseded. The total current expenses were $82,181.34, and the estimate for the present year is $87,500, of which $66,000 is for salaries. The reformation in the discipline of the Department and morals of its members, has been followed by a corresponding diminution of the numbers of fires and of the loss of property. The insurance companies have made a reduction in consequence; the public pay, probably, on an average, twenty-five per cent. less on insurance effected since the organization of the new Department. The machinery of the Department consists of seven steam engines and the outfit for two hook and ladder companies.

DULL TIMES IN MILWAUKEE.—The *Daily Wisconsin* says that for many years rents have not been so low as now. Good brick stores on East Water street, below Huron, are renting for $600. Houses that commanded $450, in 1858, will now bring $300, and very good houses may be had at $180.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Passage of the Homestead Bill in the House—Its Fate in the Senate—Is Slavery Worth Disunderstanding?—What Representation to Congress Will the Bill Pass the Senate?

[Special Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1860.

One of the great Republican measures—the Free Homestead bill, introduced by Lovejoy of Illinois—passed the House yesterday, by the strong vote of yeas 115 to nays 68. It was passed by a strictly sectional vote. Every Northern man present, with *one* exception, voted for the bill. And every Southern man, with *one* exception, voted against it. All the Americans, even Winter Davis, voted with the fire-eaters. The Northern Democrats stand by their party and gave in their support to this great Republican measure. Many of them went for it with much reluctance, and sought by various pretexts to escape from facing the music; but the Republicans were inexorable; they stood like a rampart of granite against all amendments, delays, references to committees, and every other parliamentary trick to which the enemy resorted to delay, strangle, or defeat this important bill. They cut off debate by demanding the previous question, and calling for the yeas and nays.

One Northern Democrat—*Montgomery* of Pa., voted against the bill. He is a Douglas delegate to Charleston. James Craig of Missouri, who represents the St. Joseph District, had the manhood to cast, solitary and alone, the only vote from a slave State for Free Homesteads. This vote is a recognition of the mighty change taking place in his State. The slaves are going South in droves, or escaping by companies, and their places are filling up with white laborers from the free States.

But what a commentary is the passage of this bill upon the peculiar institution of the South! There are *eight* millions of white people in the slave States. Two millions or less of these are interested in slaves. That is to say, there are 350,000 slave owners, and allowing each slaveholding family to number five persons, it would give 1,750,000 people having a family interest in slaves; but allowing a liberal margin for overseers, slave drovers and others with indirect interest, the total falls short of two millions. The other *six millions* are poor, "niggerless whites," who *so far* from having a pecuniary interest in the institution, are degraded and robbed by it. To all these niggerless millions the Homestead bill is important, and the valuable as to the white men of the free States. Three-fourths (on an average) of the white constituents of every Southern Representative have a vital interest in the enactment of this most beneficent bill; yet their wishes and interests were utterly disregarded and ignominiously trodden under foot. The small slave-holding minority, numbering less than *one-fourth* of the whites of the South, controlled every Southern vote of all parties. Who is sectional now? The Representatives of the North, who voted in behalf not only of their own twenty millions of free laborers, but for the six millions of non-slaveholders of the South? or those who represented only an odious oligarchy? The Southern free laborers must look to the great North for protection, for advocates and defenders of their rights and interests, and the slave breeders monopolize the entire Southern Representation in Congress. The poor white man of the South has no Representative to speak and vote in his behalf. The vote of yesterday proves, with startling emphasis, the truth of every statement in Helper's book concerning the condition of the negroless whites of the Southern States. Reader, turn this matter over in your mind; think of the amazing fact that *three-fourths* of the whole white population of *fifteen sovereign States*, are unrepresented in the National Congress!! Can you do less than hate and abhor a system that thus subverts the first principles of free government?

But a word as to the provisions of the bill, which I herewith enclose, and desire that it may be published entire for the information of the whole Northwest. The substance of it is as follows: It provides that *any person, who is the head of a family*, or has arrived at the age of 21 years, and is a citizen of the United States, or *who shall have filed his intentions to become such*, shall be entitled to enter free of cost 160 acres of the public lands upon which said person *may have filed a pre-emption claim*, or which may at the time the application is made be subject to pre-emption at $1.25 or less per acre, or eighty acres of reserved railroad lands which are held at $2.50 per acre. No certificate is to be given or patent issued until the expiration of five years from the date of the entry, and on payment of $10. The rights secured by the actual settler issue to the heirs and devisees. The lands thus acquired in no case to become liable to the satisfaction of *any debt contracted prior to the issuing of the patent*, which is five years after entering it. The charge of $10 is to cover the cost of surveying, recording, issuing the patent, &c., and for the further purpose of avoiding the objection that giving away the lands was unconstitutional, an objection which the Democrats have raised against the free homestead principle. But the settler will have five years occupancy of the farm before he will be called on to pay even this trifling sum. The bill provides that if any person shall abandon his claim for six months, it shall revert to the Government, and may be taken possession of by another person; which is right.

Mr. Lovejoy is entitled to great credit for the skill, tact and perseverance he has exhibited in putting this bill through the House, in the face of the opposition of the entire South. Every appeal made to him to divert him from the main purpose he flatly refused—telling the parties with a significant smile, that he would take great pleasure in accommodating them hereafter, but that in *this case* he could not deviate from the end he had in view. He was ably seconded by Grow, Col. Curtis, Col. Aldrich, all the Washburnes, Colfax, and other Western men. The great feature in the bill is that which gives pre-emptors a right to the lands they now occupy. It was inserted at the instance mainly of Col. Aldrich. There are in Minnesota alone, 15,000 pre-emptors, occupying each 160 acres of land, which they have not paid for, and are unable to pay for. The enactment of this blessed bill will lift a mountain from their backs, and make every one of the poor fellows feel free and independent. There are thousands of pre-emptors in Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, California, Oregon, Washington, Decotah, New Mexico and Nebraska, who will be placed on their feet and made to thank Heaven that there is a free North and a Republican party.

Another feature of the bill will commend itself to the masses of the people, and it is that which permits the emigrant to settle on any unlisted eighty acres of the alternate sections of lands along railroad lines, to which grants of lands have been made. The policy of the Government is, no longer to look to the sale of its public lands for revenue to defray its ordinary expenses, but to imports on foreign goods. Why then should not these desirable lands be open to settlement and improvement? Their occupancy will immensely benefit the railroads which own the alternate sections, as it will introduce population along their lines and consequently furnish passengers and freight for them, besides making saleable their own lands after the expiration of a few years.

This bill is practically the last Anti-Slavery measure that ever passed the House of Representatives, and if it becomes a law, will do more for the cause of free soil and free labor than even the ordinance of '87, which consecrated the North-west to freedom; simply because its provisions will range over a wider field. It covers the whole unsold domain of the United States, and will be extended to all future acquisitions of Territory from Mexico to Great Britain. No more Slave States will ever be carved out of the Territories of this Union after Lovejoy's Homestead bill shall have become a law. But it has yet to run the gauntlet of the Democracy in the Senate. The solid vote of the fifteen Slave States will be cast against it, with one exception—Johnson of Tennessee. Even his vote is not certain for this broad and comprehensive bill. Here, then, are twenty-nine hostile votes out of sixty-four. There are twenty-five good and true Republicans who will vote for it. Can *eight* Democrats be found to vote for the bill? There are Douglas, Bright, Fitch, Rice, Lane, Gwin, Latham, Bigler, Pugh and Thompson—ten in all, without counting Johnson of Tennessee. Any five of these ten can pass the bill if the other five will step out of the way, and not vote. The slaveholders will endeavor to smother the bill in committee, and not report it. But the Republicans will move to take it up, and call for the ayes and nays. This will be a test motion, and the country will then see who is hostile to it. Last session when the Republicans moved to set aside the Cuba Stealing bill and take up the Homestead bill, Douglas voted with the South against the Homestead bill, as did every other Democrat but two—Broderick, and Johnson of Tennessee. Gwin voted with the South on every motion touching the Homestead, and will do it again. Looking the whole ground over, my opinion is, that the bill will pass this session and become a law. Northern Democrats cannot afford to make this question an issue in the Presidential election. If the Democratic party defeats the Free Homestead bill, it will be blown to perdition in every free State, California and Oregon included. The people will submit to no more fooling and treachery. Democratic Senators from free States must vote for the bill, or take the consequences. This great Republican measure, in behalf of free labor and poor men, must become a law, or the Democratic party will cease to exist in every State unburned with slavery. CHICAGO.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

WOMAN. (La Femme.) Tr. printed from the French of M. J. Michelet, by J. W. Palmer, M.D. 12mo. pp. 334. Rudd & Carleton. Chicago: S.C. Griggs & Co.

We are compelled to differ from many, whose opinions we are accustomed to respect, in our estimate of the character and tendencies of this book. We do not think that an earnest plea for marriage is at all misplaced in this age of the world, nor do we understand how its influence can be detrimental to public morals, if this prime object is kept uppermost, and is mixed with nothing in itself impure. Those who deem the narrative of King David's misconduct with Uriah's wife, in Holy Writ, indecent and worthy of prompt expurgation, are fairly entitled to quarrel with *La Femme*; for M. Michelet sets forth quite clearly, though not in prurient characters, the fact that woman in Paris, defenceless and alone, is the prey of wild beasts, rendered wilder and more beastly by what they prey upon, and that society is fast tending to suicide and despair under the system. Few persons can read with dry eyes the story of the wrongs endured by the daughters of penury in that Sodom, and none can fail to applaud the spirit of kindly sympathy with which the author pleads their claim to the protection and love of husband and children. We admit that *La Femme* is of the French Frenchy. We concede that it is better adapted to the wants and atmosphere of Paris than to those of any other locality in Christendom. But it is not true that its teachings are misapplied either in New York or Chicago.

There are many surprising vagaries in the volume before us, such as would entitle an English or American writer to a straight-jacket at the hands of any discriminating jury of critics; as, for instance, his theory that mulattoes, the offspring of white and black parents, are among the hardiest and most vigorous people in the world. Yet we cannot overlook these things for the sake of the generous humanity which inspires its pages. *La Femme* is an honest, manly plea for the marriage relation, addressed primarily to Parisian society, yet adapted to the condition of every large city which we know anything about, and we fancy to every one in the civilized world. We do not envy the feelings of that man who finds it impure, or dangerous to his moral constitution.

EDGAR POE AND HIS CRITICS. By SARAH HELEN WHITMAN. New York: Rudd & Carleton. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

It is rarely indeed that a writer whose entire works, both in prose and poetry, are comprised in two octavo volumes, continues a dozen years after his death to be a subject of controversy on so plain a question as whether he was a kind husband, a good neighbor, and a generous friend. The fact that a volume of eighty pages, vindicating the memory of poor Poe, has found a publisher at this day, attests the abiding interest felt by the public in all things relating to that gifted though unhappy man. Edgar Poe is a charmed name in literature. Three poems—the Raven, the Bells, and Annabel Lee—all of which might be put in two of these columns, have given him immortality; and the brief remainder of his works might themselves suffice to constitute a respectable fame. In all that makes the imperishable name among literary marvels, Poe is beyond the reach of those who would do him harm, and it only remains for those who loved him in life to show us that he had human feelings—that he who interpreted so vividly the heart, had one in his own breast. The writer of this volume has sought to show that the author of the "Raven" loved as deeply as the youth whose spirit was extinguished in the floating shadow—that he was a man as well as a lover—that he was a brother as well as a man. In this she has succeeded indifferently well. What evidence may be drawn from the wonderful pathos of his writings she has made the most of, and many ruthless slanders which have ascribed to Poe the heartlessness of a demon, seem to be disposed of by palpable facts. But we have nothing amounting to proof, which sets aside the generally received opinion concerning these unfortunate traits of character which repelled the friendship of those with whom he was associated. The following fine anecdote is new to us, and cannot fail to be interesting to all the readers and admirers of the poet:

"So far from being selfish or heartless his devotional fidelity to the memory of those he loved in the world to regarded as fanatical. A characteristic incident of his heart-life will illustrate the passionate fidelity which we have ascribed to him. While at the academy in Richmond, which he entered in his twelfth year, he one day accompanied a schoolmate to his home, where he saw for the first time Mrs. ——, the mother of his young friend. The lady, on entering the room, took his hand and spoke some gentle and gracious words of welcome, which so penetrated the sensitive heart of the orphan boy as to deprive him of the power of speech, for a time, almost of consciousness itself. He returned home in a dream, with but one thought, one hope in life—to hear again those gracious words that had made the desolate world so beautiful to him, and filled his lonely heart with the oppression of a new joy. This lady afterwards became the confidant of all his youthful sorrows, and her's was the one redeeming influence that saved and guided him in the earlier days of his turbulent and passionate youth. After the visitation of strange and peculiar sorrows she died, a few months after her decease it was his habit to visit nightly the cemetery where the object of his boyish idolatry was entombed. The thought of her—sleeping there in her loneliness—filled his heart with a profound, incommunicable sorrow. When the nights were very dreary and cold, when the autumnal rains fell and the winds wailed mournfully over the graves, he lingered longest and came away most regretfully."

COOPER'S NOVELS.—*The Water Witch*, or the Skimmer of the Seas, by J. Fenimore Cooper. *Illustrated Edition.* Lionel Lincoln; or, The Leaguer of Boston, by J. Fenimore Cooper. Illustrated by F. O. C. Darley. New York: W. A. Townsend & Co. Chicago: S.C. Griggs & Co.

We have so frequently noticed this superb edition of Cooper's novels, that we need only call the attention of the public to the fact that two more of his most fascinating sea tales have been put into the attractive dress of Messrs. Townsend & Co.

Books Received.

LIFE AND REMAINS OF DOUGLAS JERROLD. By his son BLANCHARD JERROLD. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Chicago: S.C. Griggs & Co.

ADELA, THE OCTOROON. By H.L. HOSMER. Cincinnati: Foi st, Foster & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

A TRIP TO CUBA. By MRS. JULIA WARD HOWE. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA, Astronomical and Other relations to the West Coast of Africa, and its Islands: Viewed in connection with the Physical Geography of Canary, Madeira, and Cape Verd Islands; their Climate, Inhabitants, and productions. Accounts of places, ports, customs, trade, standard of morals, &c., &c., on that part of the African coast, lying between Tangier, Morocco, and Benguela. By Rev. OTHMAN W. THOMAS, with illustrations from original drawings. New York: Derby & Jackson. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

WILD SPORTS IN THE SOUTH, or the Camp Fires of the Tombigbee. By CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD. New York: Derby & Jackson. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

ANSWER TO HUGH MILLER AND THEOMETIC GEOLOGISTS. By DAVID DAVIS. New York: Rudd & Carleton. Chicago: S.C. Griggs & Co.

SERMONS BY THE LATE REV. F. W. ROBERTSON. Fourth series. Biographical Lectures, and Lord Feversham's Letters to the Corinthians. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

GUIDE TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE. Vegetable and Animal. Being a comprehensive Manual of Physiology. Viewed in relation to the maintenance of Life. By ROBERT JAMES MANN, M. D. New York: S. C. Griggs & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

MITCHELL'S NEW AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY. Designed for the use of Schools and Colleges. Fiftieth Edition. Philadelphia: Butler & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

HOME PASTIMES; Or Tableaux Vivants. Boston: J. E. Tilton & Co. Chicago: S.C. Griggs & Co.

LYRICS AND OTHER POEMS. By S. DONALDSON. Cincinnati: Lindsey & Blakiston. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

The Lake Superior Steamers,

From the Detroit Daily Advertiser.

Present indications favor the belief that all of Michigan and Ohio, and the greater part of the Union besides, can not only go to the cooler regions at such times, and in such numbers, but also at such prices as they may choose. Ten steamers are already announced to run between Cleveland and Detroit and Lake Superior, as follows: steamboats North Star and seven steamers Iron City, Northern Light, and Fountain City, from Cleveland; steamboats Illinois, Sea Bird, Arctic and new steamers Montgomery, Gen. Taylor and Mineral Rock from this port. The time tables of the Cleveland steamers are already published. The North Star leads, her first departure being set for the 30th of April. The details of arrangements have not all been made, and those already determined upon may yet be changed; indeed the time tables are vague and speculative. Among them we may note that it is not fully determined whether the Arctic will be put on the route, and that the screw steamer Kenosha, of Cleveland, will run between that port and Marquette and Portage Lake. One half of the latter craft was bought by Capt. Lacy, of the schooner Yorktown, and was sold at 50 per cent. advance, of putting her in the Lake Superior trade. By the Cleveland steamers time table we see that several times during the season two of them will leave here on the same day. Brisk competition in rates will therefore be likely to result, and the "sovereign people" can be carried at their own prices.

The widow of the gallant and eccentric Col. David Crockett, died lately in Johnson Co., Texas, of apoplexy, in her 74th year.

To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain.

[Passed the House of Representatives March 12th, 1860. Ayes 115; Noes 68.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his intention to become such, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act be entitled to enter, free of cost, one hundred and sixty acres of unappropriated public lands, upon which said person may have filed a pre-emption claim, which may at the time the application is made, be subject to pre-emption at one dollar and twenty-five cents, or less, per acre; or eighty acres of such unappropriated lands, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre; to be located in a body, in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register or receiver that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years or more of age, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that said entry is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon filing the affidavit with the register or receiver, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: *Provided, however*, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefor until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years thereafter, the person making the said entry—or if he be dead, his widow; or in case of her death, his heirs or devisee; or in case of a widow making such entry, her heirs or devisee, in case of her death—shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she or they have resided upon and cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid; then, in such case, he, she, or they, if at that time a citizen of the United States, shall, on payment of the sum of $10, be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law: *And provided, further*, That in case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child, or children under the age of twenty-one years, the right and fee shall enure to the benefit of said infant child, or children; and the executor, administrator, or guardian may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicil, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase and be entitled to a patent from the United States, on payment of the office fees and sum of money herein specified.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the register of the land office shall transmit all such applications on the tract-books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all lands acquired under the provisions of this act shall in no event become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent therefor.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the same for more than six months at any time, then, and in that event, the land so entered shall revert to the government.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That no individual shall be permitted to make more than one entry under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one-half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issuing of the patent certificate by the person to whom it may be issued: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: *And provided, further*, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre-emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all privileges of this act.

The following are the Ayes and Noes on the final passage of the Homestead Bill, on the 12th inst.:

YEAS—Messrs. Adrain, Aldrich, Ashley, Babbitt, Barr, Bingham, Bolinger, Burnham, Case, Chaffee, Campbell, Carey, Carter, Case, John C. Chanler, Clark, Clawson, Cobb, Cockerill, Cowan, Cox, Craig of Missouri, Curtis, Davis of Indiana, Dawes, Dick, Dodd, Edie, Edwards, Ellsworth, Eliot, English, Fenton, Ferry, Florence, Foster, Frank, Franchot, Gooch, Granger, Gurley, Hall, Harlan, Hatch, Haskin, Helmick, Hickman, Howard, Howard of Michigan, Howard of Ohio, Hutchins, Illick, King of Michigan, Kellogg of Illinois, Kilgore, Lamar, Leach of Michigan, Lee, Loomis, Lovejoy, Low, Maclay, Mallory, Marston, Matteson, McClernand, McKean, McKnight, McPherson, Millward, Morrill, Morris of Illinois, Morris of Pa., Nelson, Nibback, Olin, Pendleton, Perry, Porter, Potter, Rice, Riggs, Robinson of Illinois, Robinson of Rhode Island, Roscoe of Illinois, Royce, Sabin, Scott, Scranton, Shaffer, Sherman, Sickles, Somes, Spinner, Stanton, Stoutenburgh, Tapper, Tavyer, Train, Trimble, Valandingham, Vandever, Van Wyck, Verree, Wade, Walton, Washburne of Illinois, Washburne of Wisconsin, Washburn of Maine, Wells, Wilson, Windom, and Woodruff—116.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams of Kentucky, Anderson of Missouri, Anderson of Kentucky, Avery, Barksdale, Boteler, Bonham, Branch, Bristow, Brown of Mississippi, Burnett, Caskie, Clopton, Cobb of Alabama, Colfax, Corning, Cox, Davidson, Davis of Mississippi, Dawson, Dejarnette, Edmundson, Ethebridge, Garnett, Gartrell, Gilmer, Hamilton, Hardeman, Harris of Maryland, Hatton, Hill, Hindman, Houston, Jackson, Jenkins, Johnson of Tennessee, Kenyon, Keitt, Lamar, Letcher, Leake, Love, Maynard, Miller, Montgomery, Moore of Alabama, Nelson, Noell, Peyton, Pryor, Pugh, Reagan, Ruffin, Russell, Sandidge, Scott, Shorter, Smith of North Carolina, Stevenson, Stokes, Underwood, Vance, Whiteley, Winslow, Woodson, and Wright—68.

Every Republican present in the House voted for the bill.

Wisconsin Credit Abroad and at Home.

[From the Lancaster (Wis.) Herald.]

Eastern papers speak in no friendly terms of Wisconsin collection laws, affirming that claims against Wisconsin merchants are scarcely worth looking after, and never worth the expense of collecting under Wisconsin laws. Still, enough Wisconsin merchants can and do buy on credit in the eastern markets; from all we can see, the credit of our regular merchants is just as good at this time as before the present laws were enacted, and as to irresponsible, speculative merchants, they are not now and never ought to be entitled to any credit. No laws could make them sound or compel them to pay, even though able to do it. It is not in human nature to pay. Their property in any country, under any laws, is an allurement, a false show of responsibility. A Peter Funk spirit pervades all the purchases to come in and be sold. The very fact that well known, prompt, honorable Wisconsin merchants can go to New York and purchase stocks on credit, is an irrefutable argument that honest and a well earned character for uprightness constitute the real foundation of credit, and that collection laws and property-form just no basis at all. The trouble in Wisconsin has not been the defective collection laws, but the over credit as a consequence of former liberal laws; money commanded 25 to 50 per cent. interest, just because so many bankrupts and men on their way to bankruptcy came into the money market as competitors against responsible and honorable men—thus running up the demand for money against any possible ability to ever meet demands, and compelling sound men to bid up to ruinous rates or be sacrificed at once. Wisconsin credit abroad, most of it predicated upon a false basis, led to the enactment of the present liberal laws as a necessary return or recurrence to over credit in the future. Henceforth, Wisconsin credit will be sound, having its basis in personal honor and character; Wisconsin credit will be sufficient for all wholesome uses, but not sufficient for abuses; it never should have been open to abuse through inducements of stringent collection laws—it will be good enough, even though somewhat of light and darkness—darkness streaked with fire—is brought vividly before the public eye by Parson's bull. But the effects of the evil, in retrospect, for we are satisfied by experience, that the more repugnant a measure is to all humane and generous feeling, the better chance it has of finding favor with the National Democracy.

Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company have laid before the Secretary of State of Wisconsin, a report as to the condition of the land grant secured by that Company. The Menasha *Conservator* has examined it, and says that it shows that the Chicago, St. Paul and Fond du Lac Company, previous to June last, had encumbered the land grant to the amount of over $4,000,000. That on the 30th day of June last, the road, rolling stock, land grant, and everything connected with and belonging to the Chicago Company, were sold on the above mortgages to Messrs. Tilden and O. D. Ashley, of New York. That on the 1st of July following,

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Professor O. J. Wood & Co.—Gentlemen: I have used about half a dozen bottles of your Restorative, and have found it to be all you recommend it to be. I can say, with much pleasure, that it has restored my hair, which had become quite gray, entirely to its natural color; my whiskers were also quite gray, entirely restored to their natural color. I prefer to bestow your hair upon me, and trust it will soon found it was a good investment. I used it about six months, and my hair is now as black as it ever was. I have also used your Hair Dye, and find it to be all you recommend it to be. It is the best article I have ever used, and I have used many. My hair has totally disappeared, both on my head and face, and after using your Restorative a few months, it has come out and clean than it has been before for twenty years. I am now fifty-two years of age, and was quite gray for the last five years, but used it with the same effect. Before I used your Restorative, I was quite bald on the crown of my head. I am assured that whoever will rightly use, or cause to be used, according to directions, the contents of any bottle of your Restorative, will be satisfied, and I can say, as a matter of fidelity and justice to you, that I have used it for its full three years, and can say from my own experience, that it is the best article I have ever used, and I have used many

Financial and Commercial.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, March 15, 1860.

The market for eastern exchange continues firm, and the banks are generally selling at ½ per cent. prem. Some few bills have been sold on the street at ¾ per cent; but ½ is the ruling rate. Money continues plenty and merchants and produce dealers have all the accommodations required.

EXCHANGE AT ST. LOUIS.—The *Mo. Democrat* of yesterday says:

The sight exchange market was active to-day. There is a scarcity both on the East and South, and some institutions are not drawing, and find it difficult to make, both on the East and South. Some sold over the counter at ¼ on the East, though the general rate to customers is ⅛. On the south, 1 prem. is the prevailing rate, owing to the scarcity of bankable funds. For the same reason, also, few are assorting country branch notes.

ST LOUIS MONEY MARKET.—The *St. Louis Democrat* in an article headed "Is Money Plenty?" says:

To-day numerous bills were bought—one institution purchased about $20,000—mostly of four months' bills on the East, a few on the South at 2½ per cent. off. Some of these bills were predicated on produce shipments, some on nothing but the drawers' standing, and may have to be paid by other banks four months hence. Does this look like an easy money market? 90 days bills are bought at 2½@2¼ off; 60 day, 1½@1¼ off; and 30 day are seldom drawn, but would go at 1@¾ per cent. off, most of the bills being 90 days, or four months.

EXCHANGE AT CINCINNATI.—The *Gazette* of yesterday says:

There was a good demand for Eastern Exchange to-day, with a supply about equal thereto, and rates were steady and firm at ¾@¼ prem. buying, and ¼ prem. selling. New Orleans sight was heavy at ½ dis. buying at ¼ prem. selling. New Orleans bills were in only moderate supply at ¼ dis. for 60 day and 1 dis. for 30 day. Some parties are again operating in St. Louis. We heard of purchases there to day of $15,000 at equal to ½ dis for 30 day, which is 1 better than can be done in this market. Gold is dull there b ing no inquiry except for shipment, and for this purpose it is only 50 prem. We quote

	Buying.	Selling.
New York sight	¾@¼ prem.	¼@½ prem.
Boston	¾@¼ "	¼@½ "
Philadelphia	¾@¼ "	¼@½ "
Baltimore	¾@¼ "	¼@½ "
New Orleans sight	¼ dis.	¼ prem.
American Gold	½ prem.	¼@⅝ prem.

Western uncurrent money is without change, Missouri, ½ dis.; Illinois and Wisconsin, ¾ dis. The two latter have a declining tendency, and some of the dealers are not disposed to buy at better than 2½ dis. owing to the continued scarcity of Eastern Exchange at Chicago, where it is very scarce at 2 prem.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, March 15, 1860.

The following are the receipts and shipments for the past twenty-four hours:

	Flour bbls.	Wh't bush.	Corn bush.	Oats bush.	Rye bush.	Barley bush.	Grass Seed bbls.
Canal	4169	2000	4000	1000			
Rail	2327	8700	3000	4000	1523	3123	1
C., R. I. & P.	700	6300	1000				99
C., B. & Q.	1000	4000					50
C., M. & St. P.	1357	14000	700				2161
C. & N. W. R.	4000	4777	1113	720	97	1000	
C. & A. R. R.			56.0				
Total	9553	39777	9813	5720	1620	4123	2311
Shipments.							
Canal	1000	1000	1000				
Rail	1000	1000	1000				
C., R. I. & P.	1000	1000	1000				
C., B. & Q.	1000	1000	1000				
C., M. & St. P.	1000	1000	1000				
C. & N. W. R.	1000	1000	1000				
C. & A. R. R.	1000	1000	1000				
Total	7000	7000	7000				

There was a very limited demand for Flour to-day, and the market was dull and somewhat easier. Sales being made at $5.05@5.12½ for good to choice Spring extras. The wheat market was again dull, and under heavy receipts, a further decline of 2c was experienced—sales of old receipts No. 2 Spring being made at 96c in store, closing with a good demand at that figure. The receipts of Corn were heavy—amounting to 74,880 bushels—and a decline of 1c took place; closing however rather firmer, on account of the increase in the number of buyers at the decline. About 15,000 bushels changed hands, at 42@42c for old receipts No. 1 in store; 42@42½c for new receipts No. 1; 41c for new receipts No. 2; and 40c for new receipts Rejected. There was no River Corn sold, buyers and sellers being 1c apart—the former offering 45c afloat, and the latter asking 46c. Oats were 1c lower, and more active, sales of No. 1 being made at 31c for old receipts, and 32c for new receipts in store. Lots on track were sold at 34c for No. 1, and 33@33½c for choice seed. Rye was also considerably easier and more active—sales being made at 52½c for No. 1 in store, and 52½@54c on track. Barley was lower, at about former quotations to buyers, and sales at 40c for No. 2 in store; 40 @42c for No. 1 on track; and 56c for No. 2 delivered. Timothy seed was firm and in good demand at $2.80@2.90. Clover more active and 15@20c lower, a round lot of fair being sold at $4.05. Hungarian Grass quiet, with limited sales at 85c. There was a better demand for Mess Pork to-day, and we have to report a sale of 1,000 bbls Milwaukee packed at $17.00, for shipment to New York. Lard quiet. A lot of 500 kegs prime leaf were sold to-day at 11c. Tallow inactive. Hides steady. Highwines dull.

BATAVIA MILLS.—Messrs. McKee & Moss, the proprietors of Batavia Mills, having refitted their mills with new apparatus, will hereafter manufacture a much superior article of flour to that which has hitherto borne their brand. The new brand is, "Batavia Mills XXX," and classes with the choice brands on 'Change.

PROSPECTS OF THE WHEAT CROP.—As the season advances, the prospect for the coming wheat crop looks more gloomy. Many fields are entirely ruined, and others will not yield more than half a crop. From conversations with our farmers we learn that the wheat which was put in late will be an almost entire failure. This applies to the immediate vicinity of Mascoutah. We hear of further losses in the prospect of a much better.—*Mascoutah (Ill.) News Letter, 8th.*

The Holt County (Mo.) *News*, of 11 ult, says:

Accounts from different parts of the country are no ways disparaging. The wheat crop will undoubtedly be good.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN.—The Plattsburgh *Republican* anticipates an early opening of navigation on Lake Champlain, the ice having already nearly disappeared between Port Kent and Burlington, and it is not considered very safe for teams between Plattsburgh and Grand Isle.

HIGH WATER ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.—The damming of the ice in the St. Lawrence river, below Cornwall, has produced the greatest rise of water above that point ever known. It rose some 15 or 20 feet above its summer mark.

HIGH CHANGE IN NEW YORK.—The N. Y. *Courier and Inquirer* of Tuesday, says:

High Change was held to-day under the new management referred to this morning, at 11½ o'clock, and it is very encouraging to see the prompt return to the large attendance of former days. The whole of the provision trade, and a considerable number of the grain and flour factors were in attendance, and the parties indulged that the majority of the latter, finding sufficient accommodation for their samples in the Rotunda, and the hour and general convenience in High 'Change especially convenient, will soon come into the present arrangement. The Shaw interest in the Corn Exchange Company, of course, is not without its influence to keep the trade on the corner of South and Broad streets, but as their accommodations in that quarter are confessedly inadequate, and the whole share capital should be fully reimbursed to the stock holders (who, after all, are quite limited in number) by the sale of the property, it is as much a very desirable that the merchants and factors of every trade should once more be united in the great Rotunda of the Merchants' Exchange.

TORONTO—March 14.—The market for wheat was animated yesterday, and the upward tendency of the past eight or ten days was continued. The receipts were pretty liberal, amounting to nearly 2,000 bushels. The prices paid for good and prime samples were $1.40@1.47, which were paid freely, and in a few cases $1.47 @1.50 the latter in one instance only. The low grade sold at $1.35@1.40. The average price for the day was about $1.42 per bushel. Competition was pretty keen, yet loads did not move off so rapidly, farmers holding out for the even $1.50, and reluctantly accepting any lower figure. Spring wheat was in good request at $1.04@1.10—the latter being an extreme rate. Barley and rye quiet and unchanged. Oats continue less plentiful, and are firm at 35@36c. Peas steady at 60@62c per bushel. Flour sold freely at $4.75@5 for superfine; $5.25@5.50 for family; $5.50@5.60 for extra, and $6@6.50 for double extra.

ALBANY—March 13.—Grain—There is a good demand for wheat, but the firmness of holders checks sales; 500 bu white Canadian, 80c ex East, at $1.50, and 450 do red State p. t. Rye in the street, 53@54c. Corn in car-lots at the Central depot, 46c for yellow round, and 45c for 1900 bu do p. t.; in the street, 50@51c. Oats in the street, 40@42c; a car-load at Central depot at 42c for state. Nothing reported in barley. Whisky—We hear of no sales to-day; but prices of the 75 bbls sold yesterday was fixed at 24½c. Seed—Dull at 8@9½c; the outside figure for a small parcel from store. Timothy $2.30@2.40.

NEW ORLEANS, March 13—P. M.—Cotton full, without any change in prices; small sales Superfine at $6.25@6.50. A fair demand for Bacon, but prices are lower, closing at 8c for shoulders, and 10c for sides. Whisky has declined to 24c for Rectified, and 23c for Raw, with a moderate demand. The higher grades of Sugar have further advanced, with a good demand, closing at 7¼@7½c for fully fair. Coffee buoyant, and excites buyers than sellers at 12¼@12½c. Mess Pork dull and without change; $18.25@18.50 are the rates paid for new. Lard dull, without change in prices; sales at 9¼ @9½c, and the demand limited. Sight Exchange on New York ¼@⅜c premium. Flour is shipping to Boston at 75c; to New York at 55c; Pork and Beef to New York at 75c, and to Boston at 65c.

LOUISVILLE PROVISION MARKET—March 13.—Provision market has had a very depressing effect on the market, and the sales have been confined with one or two exceptions to small orders for consumption. Holders, in the absence of all speculative feeling, exhibit however great anxiety to effect sales, submitting to various lots to fill orders, at $17.75. There were besides sales of 350 brls in two lots (500 and 350) on private terms, understood to be something below the above prices. In bulk meats the only sale was 1,000 shoulders at 6½c. Of bacon about 40 hogs have been taken from dealers to fill orders at our former range of prices—say 7½c for shoulders; 9½c for ribbed sides; 10½c for plain hams, 11c for canvassed hams and clear sides, and 11½c for sugar cured hams, all packed. Two small lots, 25 casks of shoulders and 32 casks of ribbed sides sold at 7¾c and 9½c, and round lots from first hands could probably have been purchased a fraction under those figures. Lard has been dull, small orders have been filled at 10½c for bri and tierce, and 11½c for keg, but in the early part of the week 50 kegs could not find a taker at 10½c. The receipts of meats from the country have been again moderate, and dealers paid 7c for shoulders, 9½c for hams, 10@10½c for clear sides, and 10½c for prime bri and 10½ for prime leg lard. These are the cash rates.

TRADE AND COMMERCE OF OSWEGO IN 1859.—The Oswego *Times* publishes a review of the last year's trade, from which we extract the following:

The amount of Flour manufactured at Oswego the past year was 657,582 bbls. In addition to this, 225,299 bbls were manufactured up the river, within 18 miles of the city, making the total 882,881 bbls. The receipts of Flour from the Upper Lakes were as follows:

From Chicago	bbls. 1,429
" Milwaukee	1,800
" Detroit	1,200
" Toledo	1,000
" Chicago	1,000
	6,429
From other ports	2,000
Total receipts by Lake	64,491

In consequence of the scarcity of breadstuffs in Canada, there was an unusually good demand the past season for grades of flour till after harvest, to supply the wants of the Lower Provinces, and up to about the middle of October, per shipments down the St. Lawrence exceeded those of any canal. This was a peculiar feature in our flour trade never before known. Of Wheat, the following amounts were received from American Lake ports:

From Toledo	bu 241,000
" Detroit	5,000
" Chicago	37,812
" Milwaukee	3,414,000
" Other ports	7,224,000
" Lake Shore ports, N. Y.	280
	4,419,908
From Canadian ports	254 685
Total receipts	4,674,593

Compared with the receipts of 1858, the above shows a falling of 1,964,286 bu from the States, and an increase of 243,548 bu from Canada.

The receipts of Corn at Oswego, by Lake, for the year 1859, have been as follows:

	Bushels.
From Chicago	1,000
" Milwaukee	1,000
" Detroit	1,000
" Toledo	1,000
" Chicago	1,000
	5,000
From other ports	1,000
Total receipts by Lake	6,000

Compared with the previous year, the above exhibits a decrease of 2,108,572 bu, while Buffalo and other lake ports show a corresponding falling off in receipts.

The Salt Trade of Oswego is one of the most important branches of its commerce. The receipts of Salt at Oswego for the past three years, are stated to be as follows:

	By Lake.	Oswego.
1857	2,000,000	14,167,000
1858	28,961,105	19,013,000
1859	12,621,843	18,236,804

The shipments of Salt from Oswego to a few principal western ports, during the past year were:

	Sacks.	Barrels.
Chicago	244,000	244,000
Milwaukee	14,000	14,000
Detroit	17,000	48,000
Toledo	11,000	105,700
Cincinnati	1,000	84,000
Other land	11,000	69,000
Total	298,000	704,700

The total shipments for the year were 101,795 sacks, and 683,543 bbls.

PITTSBURGH, March 13.—There are 91 feet in the channel by pier mark, and stationary. We have little to note in addition to yesterday's doings in grain and flour. Flour—sales of 1,117 bbls., principally from store.

	Super.	Extra.	Ex. Fam.	Fancy.
200 bbls from store	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
250 do do	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
100 do do	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
150 do do	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
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